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7 August 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS&T

SUBJECT : Warning of Soviet Intention to Attack

1. The Director has approved the recommendations contained in paragraph 7 of my 5 August memorandum of which you received a copy. He has asked that I follow up with those elements of the Agency where the prescribed action should be taken.

2. I would be grateful if you would undertake the study suggested in paragraph 7 of the above-mentioned memorandum or, in lieu of that, provide me with advice and suggestions as to how else this might be done. Any additional views you may have would be welcome. For your information, DDI has been added to the distribution of my 5 August memorandum.

/S/ Rufus Taylor

Rufus Taylor
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy
Deputy Director

cc:



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File: Strategic

DATE: 28 Aug 1968

TO: Mr. Smith

FROM:

SUBJECT: Background Package for Your Meeting on Strategic Warning on Friday, 30 August (*4 Sept DDCI memo result from this meeting*)

REMARKS:

The attached package from John Bross includes:

1. A 25 July memo to Bross from which cites a 1966 USIB note pointing out the serious degradation in the Community's strategic warning capabilities as a result of advances in military technology. A chronology of developments in this field since its approval by the Director is at annex.
2. A 5 August memo from the DDCI to the Director pointing out that weaknesses in the warning system had not been corrected, despite the implications of our inability to recognize the character of a major Soviet exercise in July 1967. The DDCI recommended that NIE 11-10-66 on the Community's strategic warning capability be updated. He

The attached OSR memo greatly impressed the

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also recommended that DD/S&T review the R&D program for technical collection systems in the light of the warning problem and recommend additional action required. The DDCI also proposes that the DD/S&T report what it would cost to develop a real time or near real time readout capability. The DDCI further recommends that [redacted] Strategic Warning Working Group follow up on the above by making recommendations to USIB for additional measures needed to strengthen the Community's warning capabilities

3. A 7 August memo from DDCI to DD/S&T indicating that the Director has approved the DDCI's recommendations, and instructing Decker to get his work underway.

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